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1. RE PARA 1, REF A: WE BELIEVE DEPARTMENT IS REFERRING
TO SENTENCE 10 OF PARA 3 OF DRAFT TEXT TO BE DELETED AND
REPLACED, NOT SENTENCE 9. TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE ERROR, WE
ASSUME THE SENTENCE "AIT STOCKS PURCHASED BY THE RTG WILL
BE TITLE TRANSFERRED AT THE TIME OF PAYMENT AND DROPPED
FROM USG ACCOUNTABILITY RECORDS" IS THE ONE TO BE DELETED.
PLEASE ADVISE.

2. RE PARA 2, REF A: THE WORD "UNDER" IS IN TEXT AND
APPARENTLY WAS LOST IN TRANSMISSION.

3. IN REFERENCE TO JOINT STATEMENT, MISSION ORIGINALLY
HAD ENVISAGED STATEMENT ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN REF C.
HOWEVER, RTG CLEARLY IS NOT EAGER TO DRAW PUBLIC
ATTENTION TO AGREEMENTS, NO DOUBT FEARING IT WOULD
FURTHER FUEL THE ALREADY HEAVY ANTI-RTG PROPAGANDA
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EMANATING FROM VOICE OF THE PEOPLE OF THAILAND, HANOI
AND VIENTIANE. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD PREFER
NOT RPT NOT TO PRESS THE RTG FOR AFORMAL JOINT
STATEMENT. WE PROPOSE, INSTEAD, THAT SIGNING OF
INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENTS PROCEED AND WHEN ALL ARE CONCLUDED,
ARRANGE FOR QUESTION ON STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS TO BE

RAISED AT DEPT. OR DOD PRESS BRIEFING AT WHICH TIME
SPOKESMAN COULD REFER TO JULY, 1976, JOINT STATEMENT
AND NOTE THAT AGREEMENTS IN ICS, AIT AND CHIANG MAI
SEISMIC RESEARCH STATION HAD BEEN SIGNED AND PROVIDE
THE DATES. IN THE EVENT QUESTION SHOULD ARISE PRIOR TO
THE CONCLUSION OF ALL AGREEMENTS, EMBASSY INTENDS TO
INDICATE WHICH AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED AND WHICH
REMAIN OUTSTANDING. (FYI. ICS AGREEMENT ALREADY
SIGNED BY U.S. EXECUTIVE AGENT ANF FORWADED TO
SUPREME COMMAND. CHIANG MAI AGREEMENT TO BE FORWARDED
DECEMBER 27).) IF DEPT. APPROVES THIS APPROACH, WE
WILL SO INFORM RTG AND SEEK ITS CONCURRENCE AND
COORDINATE OUR REPLIES. ADVISE.
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